

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 18 with the following amended paragraph:

- 5 Each of the steel wire ropes 16 is formed by a combination of seven stainless steel wires with a total diameter of about 0.8mm. The two steel wire ropes 16 are symmetrically installed at two sides of the steel tube 14. The plastic cover 20 is made of flexible plastic material and is formed directly outside the steel tube 14 and steel wire ropes 16. The supporting apparatus 10 can be bent ~~180-degrees over a thousand times,~~ or rotated and
10 then fixed at any position. It therefore has a long lifespan since the flexible steel tube 14 and two flexible steel wire ropes 16 can withstand being bent numerous times.